

Listing of the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A water craft An amphibious vehicle having a hull and a keel mounted to the underside of the craft hull, the keel comprising an elongate member having at least one mounting formation for cooperative engagement with at least one corresponding mounting formation on the underside of the water craft hull, for removably mounting the elongate member on the water craft vehicle wherein the keel is vertically compressible.
2. (Currently Amended) A water craft The vehicle as claimed in claim 1, in which the elongate member is an extrusion.
3. (Currently Amended) A water craft The vehicle as claimed in claim 1, in which the elongate member is flexible.
4. (Currently Amended) A water craft The vehicle as claimed in claim 1, in which the elongate member is adapted for sliding engagement with the at least one corresponding mounting formation on the underside hull of the water craft vehicle.
5. (Currently Amended) A water craft The vehicle as claimed as claimed in claim 1, in which the at least one formation on the elongate member has a profile adapted for complementary engagement with the at least one corresponding mounting formation on the underside hull of the water craft vehicle.
6. (Currently Amended) A water craft The vehicle as claimed in claim 1, in which the at least one corresponding mounting formation is provided in a mounting member mounted to the underside hull of the water craft vehicle.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~A water craft~~ The vehicle as claimed in claim 6, in which the mounting member is an extrusion.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~A water craft~~ The vehicle as claimed in claim 6, in which the mounting member is made from extruded aluminum.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) ~~A water craft~~ The vehicle as claimed in claim 6 in which the water craft has a hull and the keel is removably mounted to the hull and in which the hull is a moulding having a channel formation and the mounting member is located in the channel.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) ~~A water craft~~ The vehicle as claimed in claim 1 in which the elongate member is made from extruded rubber or synthetic rubber.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~A water craft~~ The vehicle as claimed in claim 1 in which the keel further comprises a tip member located adjacent a forward end of the elongate member.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~A water craft~~ The vehicle as claimed in claim 1, in which the at least one corresponding mounting formation is a re-entrant channel into which a formation on the elongate member is slidably received.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~A water craft~~ The vehicle as claimed in claim 1, in which the elongate member has an elongate, longitudinal cavity.

16. (Currently Amended) A water craft The vehicle as claimed in claim 15, in which the elongate member is adapted to be inflated inflatable, using either water or gas, to vary its profile.

17. (Currently Amended) A water craft The vehicle as claimed in claim 15, in which the cavity is filled with a foam material.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) An amphibious The vehicle as claimed in claim 19 14, in which the channel is open at one end and the keel further comprises a tip member attached to the hull adjacent the open end to prevent the elongate member from being withdrawn from the channel in use.

21. (Currently Amended) An amphibious The vehicle as claimed in claim 20, in which a metal cap member is provided over the tip member.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) A water craft The vehicle as claimed in claim 6, in which the water craft has a hull and the keel is removably mounted to the hull.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (New) An amphibious vehicle comprising a hull and a vertically compressible keel mounted to the hull, the keel comprising an elongate member having at least one mounting formation for cooperative engagement with at least one corresponding mounting

formation on the hull for removably mounting the elongate member on the vehicle, wherein the vehicle is operable as a boat on water and operable as a road vehicle on land.

26. (New) The vehicle of claim 25 wherein the elongate member is adapted for sliding engagement with the at least one corresponding mounting formation on the hull of the vehicle.

27. (New) The vehicle of claim 25 in which at least one corresponding mounting formation is a re-entrant channel into which a formation on the elongate member is slidably received and the channel is open at one end, the keel further comprises a tip member attached to the hull adjacent the open end and to prevent the elongate member from being withdrawn from the channel in use.